

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6376  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, TS  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA MAKES PUBLIC APPEARANCE

1. IN FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE OUTSIDE PALACE SINCE RETURNING TO TUNIS ON JANUARY 14 FROM HIS REST CURE IN GENEVA, PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA PRESIDED OVER MARTYRS' DAY CEREMONIES ON APRIL 9. WITH MME. BOURGUIBA AT HIS SIDE, BOURGUIBA PLACED A WREATH AT THE MAUSOLEUM OF MARTYRS OF THE INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE, REVIEWED A SMALL DETACHMENT OF TROOPS AND RETURNED TO THE PALACE AT CARTHAGE.

2. APRIL 9 PRESS ALSO GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO STATEMENT BY ONE OF BOUGUIBA'S SWISS PHYSICIANS (PIERRE DICK) WHO HAD COME TO TUNIS TO SEE HIM AND CONSULT WITH HIS TUNISIAN DOCTORS. DICK TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE NOTED A CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN THE STATE OF BOURGUIBA'S HEALTH AND SAID HE IS DOING WELL. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TREATMENT CONTINUES AND BOURGUIBA MUST EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN HIS MANNER OF LIVING AND IN THE ACTIVITIES  
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HE MIGHT UNDERTAKE.

3. BOURGUIBA APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING HIS DOCTORS' ORDERS TO HUSBAND HIS STRENGTH BUT IS GRADUALLY TESTING THE OUTER LIMITS OF HIS ENDURANCE BY RECEIVING INCREASING NUMBERS OF TUNISIAN AND FOREIGN VISITORS AND NOW, WITH THE CEREMONY ON APRIL 9, VENTURING INTO SET PIECE PUBLIC

APPEARANCES.

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